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1. Various discontented Labor Union members, who cannot understand why the Americans are "not interested in housing for workers, and why they allow the money for reconstruction to be used by certain capitalists to build luxurious apartment houses," feel that the American labor representatives pay no attention to such scandals as those which exist in labor circles. For example, these Labor Union members say, Makris has insured the success of his clique by using every means, fair and foul. He has made sure that his friends come as representatives from the provinces, and in this he was aided by the police and the gendarmerie. In this connection, the Labor Union members in question reported, there were three police informants (sic) present at the Labor Congress, seated near Correll, the American Labor Attache; these men took part as representatives and cheered for Makris.* When Correll inquired as to what district they came from, they told him that they came from Mani (Peloponnesus).
2. Labor Union members also stated that it was impossible for a real labor union struggle to be waged at this time in the provinces; although the working class is suffering, it cannot protest, for fear of being tagged leftist (Communist). They pointed out that the misery of the working class was the best hot-bed for the development of Communism, and suggested that the foreign labor representatives come to the provinces without warning the officials, so that they could see at first-hand the actual living and working conditions, without benefit of window-dressing.

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Comment: This allegation was also made by Giotopoulos, leader of the Archaeo-Marxist Party.

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